



Communities

Holland Park
855 Logan Rd
Holland Park West

Mt Gravatt
Cnr Springwood &
Hicks Streets
Mt Gravatt

Tarragindi
24 Pope Street
Tarragindi

Yeronga
58 Kadumba St
Yeronga

Rev David Fender's Message

There seems to be so much that's happening around the place, some of it you may have missed. Of course the most notable change has been worship service times. I've written a separate letter about this. Please take the time to read it.

Here though I wanted to share with you some of the other exciting things that have been happening.

Next Friday night will be their awards night. Unfortunately, this year due to COVID we can't issue a general invitation to be part of this.

We have had 5 of our young people finish high school this year. After a tumultuous year we celebrate with them and pray for them.

Throughout the year a group of us have met regularly in what has become known as the MEG (Mission Experiment Group). Over the year they have prayed, thought about the nature of mission and listened to God and each other. They have also studied the demographics of our neighbourhoods, listened to key community leaders and literally people on the streets and in the shops. All this has been leading them to ask where God would have them try an agile and responsive missional experiment that comes alongside people without creating a dependency. They are currently identifying what this could be.

We are in the early stages of planning for an Op Shop. We believe that an Op Shop could be a place of hospitality where we meet our neighbours, serve their immediate needs and gain a deeper understanding of how else we could come alongside them.

Our Resources Ministry Team have undertaken a detailed review of each of our church buildings, halls and houses to identify major and minor maintenance and capital improvement needs. The team recognises that we are at a stage where there is a lot of work that needs to be done on our buildings. With limited finances our team has prioritised what needs to be done across the whole congregation.

Some of us have commenced a journey called Building a Discipling Culture. Whilst not being a program, it is a method of discipleship that equips us in our discipleship to make other disciples. As we proceed, we hope to involve others.



Instead of our usual Community Carols events, the organisers have this year chosen to hold a series of Nativity Events at each of our centres at which a gift bag would be developed that would share with visitors the details of our services. A living nativity will be staged in the evenings leading up to Christmas.

On top of this we continue with our regular and semi-regular activities. SAGE, Yeronga Men's shed, Brigades, JAFFA, Unite, Men's Breakfast, prayer meetings, pastoral care, Fellowships and small groups all continue to meet.

None of this could happen without the wonderful engagement of each one of you. Southside is not something that we go to, Southside is who we are. Through our participation and engagement, we make Southside what it is. So I encourage you to think and pray about what you believe God wants our church to be and then commit and act to making that so. In the past weeks I have been praying and thinking about what I want our church to be. As I look at all that is above I see one constant stream running through, that we will be a people who know the love of Jesus and are fully devoted in showing that love to each other, to our neighbours and to God himself. It is my deepest desire and greatest joy that each of you will grow in that love and find your own way of showing that love. Thank you for sharing this journey with me.

Grace and Peace

David Fender



In this Notice Sheet

- **New Events**
- **Worship**
 - Worship Services
 - Sharing a Cuppa after Worship on Sunday
- **Children Youth and Families**
 - Young Families Picnic
 - Sunday School
 - Family Faith Formation
- **Outreach**
 - Frontier Services Christmas Cards and Outback BBQ
- **New Missions**
- **Resources**
 - Booking For Face to Face Worship
 - Giving
 - Notices
- **Spiritual Growth**
 - Tuesday Morning Prayer
 - Prayer
- **Good News Story**

New Events

SONGS OF SOLACE & SORROW livestreamed launch

Southside UC friends in Christ

During the months of March through to the present, we around the world have been struggling in so many ways with the impact of the COVID19 pandemic. Apart from the obvious tragic loss of life globally, many have had their mental health affected. That has been my story. Of course, I am far from alone.

Starting early in March as COVID19 presented its face day after day, I found myself wrestling with it in so many ways. I started - often at weird and wonderful hours, writing instrumental pieces. Occasionally pieces with lyrics, but usually piano instrumentals - often stark and reflective; with occasional bursts of sunshine and thanksgiving. Yet they have been the exception. At this point in time close on 30 pieces have been written, manuscript and recorded; blogged and Facebook-posted. Just like the pandemic itself, I didn't see this coming.

With encouragement from Dale and others, I've published a book of most of those pieces, along with prose reflections and images - **SONGS OF SOLACE & SORROW - a pandemic journey**. Links to mp3 and YouTube clips are also offered.

The book and companion e-book are already available from <https://www.lulu.com>

All profits will be shared with Beyond Blue and Lifeline in their mental health work.

A live Facebook launch is planned for [7 pm Sunday 6 December](https://www.facebook.com/events/375568373690547) AEST. <https://www.facebook.com/events/375568373690547>

That evening a selection of the music and accompanying images/reflections will be shared. Presbytery Minister, Rev David Busch will be compere.


I'd love it if you could join with Dale and me online:
[Lhttps://www.facebook.com/events/375568373690547](https://www.facebook.com/events/375568373690547)

and contribute to the work of Lifeline and Beyond Blue. Online purchase is preferred. A limited number of books are available at \$30 from me c/- the SSUC office.

Shalom,

David

MacGregor (Rev)



YOU are invited!

All profits go to
mental health support w.
Beyond Blue & Lifeline

book launch event
LIVE online
Sunday 6 Dec 2020 7 pm AEST

purchase at
www.lulu.com

The poster features a green background. On the left is a book cover for 'songs of solace & sorrow: a pandemic journey' by David MacGregor, showing a tree with sunlight filtering through. To its right is a small inset photo of a person playing a piano. The text is in white and yellow, with a green oval containing the purchase link.

Worship

Rev David MacGregor – Worship Minister
worship@ssuc.org.au

Worship Services

Date	22 nd November
Bible Reading	Jonah 4
Tarragindi 8.30am	David MacGregor
Online 9am	Esteban Lievano
Tarragindi 10.30am	Esteban Lievano
Holland Park 10.30am	David MacGregor

Date	29 th November
Bible Reading	Mark 13:24-37
Online 9 am	Esteban Lievano
Mt Gravatt 8.30am	Esteban Lievano
Tarragindi 8.30am	David Fender
Holland Park 10.00am	Esteban Lievano
Yeronga 10.00am	David Fender

Date	6 th December
Bible Reading	Mark 1:1-8
Online 9 am	David MacGregor
Mt Gravatt 8.30am	Jock Dunbar
Tarragindi 8.30am	David MacGregor
Holland Park 10.00am	Jock Dunbar
Yeronga 10.00am	David MacGregor

Sharing a Cuppa after Worship on Sunday

Now that we are resuming weekly face to face worship services, we have also reviewed our Zoom Cuppas. While we understand that they are valued by a small group of people, a decision has been made to discontinue them. The last dates for each of our cuppas will be as follows:

- 5pm Zoom Cuppa will conclude this Sunday 22nd November
- 10am Zoom Cuppa will conclude on the 20th December

We are now having two Zoom Cuppas on a Sunday with a first one from 10 am to 11 am Details are:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84892158152?pwd=T1VvWXNPbS8xQ3dxekVNam1DUzBadz09>

Meeting ID: 848 9215 8152

Passcode: 388966

a second one from 5 pm to 6 pm. Zoom details are:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82165849103?pwd=RTI5aFUrbTRtcjl0NWRuYTThDSnd5QT09>

Meeting ID: 821 6584 9103

Passcode: 061377

Would love to see you there.

Children Youth and Families

Ps Richard Moors – Children Youth and Families Pastor
cyf@ssuc.org.au

Young families Picnic

It was awesome to have 7 families come together to enjoy a picnic lunch on the 8th of November. Our next picnic will be on 6th December at Mott Park (note the change of date due to congregational meeting on 13th). Meet there at 11:30 and we are usually there till 2pm, so feel free to leave early or come late. Bring your own food, chairs, hats. This is for those families with children in primary school or younger.

Sunday School

Yes Sunday school will be back in person in 2021. We will be looking to have age appropriate learning for children on Sunday mornings in their own group for most Sundays during term. Though we will seek to continue to have intergenerational services regularly. We are looking to hold these during the services at Mount Gravatt and Tarragindi, and also possibly Holland Park and Yeronga. For these to happen we need people to help, so please talk to me (Richard) if you are willing to be a leader or helper in these groups.

Family Faith Formation

We are going to continue to be providing resources for our families to be having faith conversations. Have you checked out the new look resource? Let me know what you think. If you are wondering what sort of things can you do as a family around faith here are some ideas: 1) Eating together – especially the power of Sunday meals and holidays. 2) Praying – bedtime rituals and prayer, grace before meals. 3) Having family conversations, talking about God. 4) Displaying sacred objects and religious images, especially the Bible. 5) Celebrating holidays and rituals. 6) Providing moral instruction. 7) Engaging in family devotions and reading the Bible. 8) Serving others. Which are you already doing? Pick one you are not doing and give it a go in the next two weeks.

Outreach

Rev Esteban Lievano – Outreach Minister
outreach@ssuc.org.au

Frontier Services Christmas Cards and Outback BBQ

In November we are focusing our Outreach and Mission giving on Frontier Services.

Christmas Cards are available at our centres, but if you would like to order more you can go directly to the [Frontier Services Website](#)

Additionally, we are encouraging our SSUC family to host Outback BBQs in your homes, invite your friends, family and neighbours and share the photos on our [SSUC Facebook page](#)

If you would like to know more about this, or anything to do with our Outreach Ministry Area, reach out to Rev. Esteban

New Missions

Rev Jock Dunbar – New Missions Minister
new.mission@ssuc.org.au

Resources

Rachel Manton - Administrator
admin@ssuc.org.au

Booking for Face to Face Worship

To book your ticket to attend face to face worship there are a few options:

- Go to our website at ssuc.org.au and click on the “pre-book to attend a face to face worship service”
- Use this link <https://southsideuc.ucareapp.com/portal/events>
- Go to our Church Central app and click on “Events” to access the link.
- Phone the church office on 3848 7093. If no one answers please advise your name, phone number, date, time and location of the service you would like to attend

All bookings made online will be confirmed by email within a few days.

If you have any questions at all, please contact Rachel at the office on 3848 7093.

Giving

Thank you for your ongoing financial contribution to our congregation. As we spend longer in lock down people are discovering alternative ways to give their offerings. These include:

- Setting up electronic funds transfers (EFT) (or asking their children to do so).
Our bank account details are
Name: Southside Uniting Church
BSB: 014-202
Account: 4736-88757
- Posting a cheque to the church office at 58 Kadumba street, Yeronga Qld 4104
- Banking the money direct through a bank branch
- Asking the person who delivers the weekly worship materials to return with your offering.

We are now able to offer giving of tithes and offerings via credit card. There are two ways that you can do this:

1. Click on this link [https://southsideuc.ucareapp.com/payments/embed/1?type=Offering&title=SSUC Credit%20Card%20Giving.&iframe=true](https://southsideuc.ucareapp.com/payments/embed/1?type=Offering&title=SSUC%20Credit%20Card%20Giving.&iframe=true) and complete the details.
2. Phone the church office on 3848 7093 and provide your credit card details over the phone.

Notices

For notices to be included in this newsletter please email notices@ssuc.org.au or phone the office on 3848 7093. The next newsletter will be issued on 6th December.

Please have notices in by 9am Thursday 3rd December.

Spiritual Growth

Rev David Fender – Spiritual Growth Minister
spiritual.growth@ssuc.org.au

Tuesday Morning Prayer

Join us at 8am Tuesday mornings for a time of prayer via Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/107964270?pwd=aXhvbmdSbGFicmdkRlFpWFNINm1SUT09>

Meeting ID: 107 964 270

Password: 24pope

Prayer

You are invited to share your prayer requests with the congregation.

Prayer requests can be shared through:

- The “Prayer Requests” feature on the Southside app
- Using the “Contact us” feature on the ssuc.org.au website and selecting “Prayer request”
- Emailing prayer@ssuc.org.au
- Telephoning a member of the ministry team and sharing your request with them.

Unless you request otherwise, prayer requests will be shared with our prayer team and listed each week in our worship sheet.



Good News Story

If you have a good news story of God’s transforming power within our Congregation and/or Community. Please email through to notices@ssuc.org.au so we can share the Good News!

Contact Us:

General Enquiries

hello@ssuc.org.au // 07 3848 7093 // 58 Kadumba st, Yeronga
for notices notices@ssuc.org.au

Ministry Team:

Rev David Fender

Lead Minister and Minister for Spiritual Growth

david.fender@ssuc.org.au // 0413 314 995

Day off on Friday

Rev Jock Dunbar

Holland Park & Yeronga Community Minister and Minister for New Missions

jock.dunbar@ssuc.org.au // 0410 400 940

Day off on Friday

Rev Esteban Liévano

Mt Gravatt Community Minister and Minister for Outreach

esteban.lievano@ssuc.org.au // 0407 731 950

Day off on Monday

Rev David MacGregor

Tarragindi Community Minister and Minister for Worship & Pastoral Care

david.macgregor@ssuc.org.au // 0414 392 802

Day off on Friday

Ps Richard Moors

Children, Youth and Families Pastor

richard.moors@ssuc.org.au // 0408 446 281

Day off on Monday

Rachel Manton

Administrator

rachel.manton@ssuc.org.au // 0427 257 920

Day off on Saturday and Sunday

Church Council:

Chair

Craig Gibson

chair@ssuc.org.au // 0433 680 489

Treasurer

Dave Allen

treasurer@ssuc.org.au // 0407 742 555

Secretary

Gaye Pitman

secretary@ssuc.org.au // 0409 893 392